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This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Underground construction work at Rothenburg airfield was completed during April 1955. The Bauunion Sued and most of the work force had already left the site. Subsequently, elements of the Bauunion Dresden arrived for above-ground construction work. ¹ Tests with aircraft were allegedly to be done at the airfield. ²

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2. The following information was obtained on Rothenburg airfield: Underground construction work by the Bauunion Sued was completed in April and subsequently 70 workers remained at the site for clearing work. These workers also were to leave the field in the near future. Construction superintendent Kaiser (fnu) was transferred to Falkenberg on 28 April. Since early April 1955, details of the Bauunion Dresden have continually arrived for the scheduled above-ground construction work. The site where excavation work for the planned buildings was started and the construction headquarters of Dresden Bauunion were located north of triangulation point 157.9 along the eastern side of the Rothenburg-Lodenau road. The housing area of 20 to 25 barracks for the Soviet flying personnel was located in Pledritz, a small settlement west of the Rothenburg-Lodenau railroad line. The barracks had formerly been occupied by the workers of Bauunion Sued. and were winterized by the Soviets. According to various statements, the fuel dump was located in Pledritz.

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3. A bomber unit was allegedly stationed at the field. Between 20 and 22 April it was observed from the Rothenburg-Lodenau railroad line that 30 aircraft were parked in the middle section of the field. ²

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1. Comment. The information that underground construction work was completed by the Bauunion Sued and that above-ground construction work was started by the Bauunion Dresden is believed to be correct. For location of excavation site, billeting area of flying personnel and fuel dump, see Map GSGS 4414, sheet 4655. The location data are received for the first time.

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2. Comment. Rothenburg airfield was possibly occupied by MiG-15s during November 1954 and Il-28s in the beginning of 1955. A light bomber unit arrived during the first half of April 1955.

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